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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q58637

Atsushi UCHINO

Appln. No.: 09/544,544

Confirmation No.: 7510

Group Art Unit: 2665

Filed: April 06, 2000

Examiner: Daniel J. Ryman

For: NODE-SEARCH METHOD, DEVICE, AND MEDIUM ON WHICH A  
NODE-SEARCH PROGRAM IS RECORDED

**PRELIMINARY RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

After entering and considering the Amendment of January 27, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith. Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Response are respectfully requested.

**REMARKS**

With regard to the Examiner's comments on the attachment to the Advisory Action dated February 9, 2004, Applicants respond as follows.

In the January 27, 2004 Amendment, Applicant argued that Dinkin fails to disclose that routing information of the Sub-Area Network 104 is listed on a packet of routing information that was previously received by the IN 126 (pg. 10). In the attachment to the Advisory Action, the Examiner acknowledges that Dinkin does not expressly disclose receiving/acquiring a packet containing "routing" information, but contends that France discloses packets of "routing"